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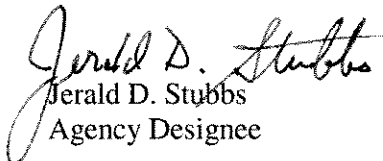
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Jay Barbree's Celebration of 50 Years with the Peacock Network

NBC News invites NASA to join the Celebration of 50 Years of Service for Jay Barbree at the Debus Center on Monday, November 24, 2008. Space correspondent Jay Barbree has over 50 years with NBC News. Mr. Barbree began at NBC July 21, 1958. He is the only journalist who has covered all of the USA's manned space missions and many robotic missions as well. He has reported from Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center on all the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, and space shuttle flights for NBC News, NBC Radio News, and MSNBC. Approximately 80 guests are expected to attend. These guests include corporate executives, space enthusiasts, NASA Senior Management, media, former astronauts, and Space Coast Community Leaders. The cost for the dinner is \$33 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in attendance at this event. The dinner will provide employees the opportunity to demonstrate NASA's appreciation for and support of the news industry in reporting noteworthy space-related efforts that take place at Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Base. In addition, this event is a forum for employees to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group of fellow attendees interested in our activities. It is in the Government's best interest for employees to attend the dinner as representatives of NASA. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect NBC News, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.


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